

St Luke UMC

501 E 19th Street N
Newton, IA 50208
641-792-5736

August 17, 2021



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Starting September 12th

Return to In-Person

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for all ages

Classes to Follow Right After Worship

Pastor Chad and Family Appreciation Potluck

Joyce Stonehocker and Peg Ehler would like to thank everyone involved with Pastor Chad and Family Appreciation Potluck on August 8th. We would like to thank those who helped husk, cook and freeze corn, contributed with gift cards and delicious food. We also want to thank Jean Schell and Jan Lewis for their help in the kitchen, setting up and taking pictures. And thank you Jennifer Etter for getting the word out without Pastor Chad's knowledge. We truly enjoyed everyone that came.



School Kit Supply Challenge

Here is the full list of supplies needed for each school kit in our Challenge of 20 or more kits.

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8" x 10-1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- 1 One Handle Cloth Bag *

Place all items in the cloth bag or a plastic grocery bag. Items can be dropped off on the Mission Table at church.

If you are interested in sewing one handle cloth school bags, the instructions and pattern can be found on the Midwest Mission Distribution Center Website.

Corinne - NOW Missions



The Power of Listening

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23, NRSV).

*Listening
is loving.*

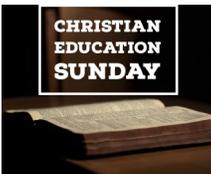
One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel

or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, “A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect.” Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

Christian Education Sunday Sunday, September 5

On Christian Education Sunday we recognize the many members of our congregation who take on the important task of educating not only our children, but our adults as well. With intentional learning and Christian formation, we become the people God calls us to be, and we develop gifts and strengths for encouraging and leading others to the same strong faith.



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

St Luke News

Our deepest sympathies and prayers to Corinne Kleppe and family on the passing of her Uncle Dan.

Coffee Time is Back

We are excited to announce that Coffee Time is back. Stop by our new coffee area to enjoy a fresh cup of hot coffee or tea on Sunday mornings.



St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.



Helping Hand Offering

The United Methodist Women are collecting children's socks and underwear through September for local school children. There is a basket for donations by the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Socks & Underwear



A Prayer About Slowing Down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment,



to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in

it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
August 22	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	Mike Kaldenberg
August 29	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
Counters (2)	Rose Evans
Sept 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	
Sept 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants For August & September

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of August & September. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the coffee counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

Volunteer! 

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!



Send your prayer requests to:
prayer@stlukenewton.com

Where to Find Us

Pastor: Rev. Chad Jennings
chad.jennings@stlukenewton.com
 Office: 641-792-5736 Cell: 319-929-1867

Adm. Assistant: Jennifer Etter
 Church Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 am - 12 pm
worship@stlukenewton.com
 Phone: 641-792-5736

Newsletter Editor: Corinne Kleppe
corinne.kleppe@grinnellmutual.com
 Phone: 641-831-2639

Article Submission by the 13th of month.
Website: www.stlukenewton.com
Website Manager: Stephen Pageler
Facebook: [St Luke Newton](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeNewton)
Prayer: prayer@stlukenewton.com

Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



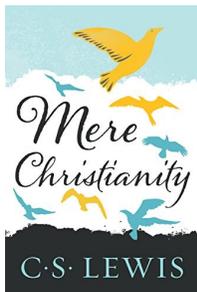


Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

begins September 13 | 6:30 pm

New Monday Night Bible Study

We will be starting a new Monday Night Bible Study via zoom on September 13. The next book we will be reading is "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis and will be \$11. If you are interested in joining this study please let us know by Sunday, August 29.



How Deep Is Your Faith?

Lyrics to the Bee Gees' 1970s hit song "How Deep Is Your Love" came to mind as I pondered the "depths" of my faith. Sometimes I prefer to stay securely in the shallow end, while other times I fearlessly launch off the diving board, ready and willing to be drenched by God's love.

If you've ever tried to coax young swimmers to jump into the deep end of a pool, you may remember their excitement (and relief) after they finally take the plunge into your arms. To experience that joy in your spiritual life, evaluate your location in your own faith "pool." Are you wading safely in the shallows or exploring the freedom of the depths? No matter where you're at, you can jump confidently into Jesus' outstretched arms. From the edge, hear his promises: "Jump in! I'll catch you! I'll keep you safe! Trust me!"



—Julie Lee

New Landscaping

We would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that helped with putting in new bushes, mulch and landscaping around the church this summer. If you haven't had a chance, make sure to take a look around outside and see what a great job they have done.

A big thank you to Bev Thomas and Pastor Chad for helping with the landscape design and Mike & Barb Kaldenberg and Jeff & Kris McKibben for helping with the mulch. Thank you also to Lori Leix for making the flowerbed at the entrance to the parking lot look beautiful.

We would also like to say thank you to all of our volunteers that have kept the flowers watered and the church yard mowed. You have all helped to make St Luke such a welcoming place for all to enjoy. We appreciate each and every one of you!

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

